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TITLE: Pressurized Bearing System for **Submersible Motor**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please cancel claims 10 and 11; and

amend claims 1-7 and add new claims 12 and 13 as set forth below:

1.(Amended) In an electric motor having a shaft and a bearing located within a housing that is adapted to be filled with lubricant, the improvement comprising:

at least one centrifugal lubicant pump stage located in the housing, the pump stage having an impeller attached to and rotating with the shaft and a mating diffuser for pressurizing the lubricant; and

a flow passage leading from the lubricant pump stage to the bearing.